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1. HERewith FULL TEXT NEW YORK TIMES PAGE 29 ARTICLE,  
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, HEADLINED "KISSINGER IS RESERVED DAY  
AFTER HIS STATEMENT."

2. CAIRO, JUNE 12 -- QUITE SUDDENLY, IT SEEMED, THE MAN  
WHO APPEARED ON THE NEWSWEEK COVER OF JUNE 10 AS SUPERMAN  
IS TODAY NO LONGER THE CENTER OF ATTENTION. MR. KISSINGER  
WHO HAD CONDUCTED THE NATION'S FOREIGN POLICY IN  
WASHINGTON AND IN FREQUENT TRIPS ABROAD, QUIETLY TOOK A  
BACK SEAT TO PRESIDENT NIXON IN CAIRO TODAY.

3. IT WAS EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD TURN THE STAGE OVER TO  
THE PRESIDENT FOR THIS TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT TODAY  
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IT SEEMED THAT MR. KISSINGER WAS MORE RETIRING THAN WAS

CHARACTERISTIC OF THE MAN WHO HAS BEEN SO ACTIVE IN  
MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS.

4. HE WOULD NOT TALK TO REPORTERS, DESPITE REQUESTS FOR  
HIM TO DO SO ON THE PRESIDENTIAL FLIGHT FROM SALZBURG.  
IN PUBLIC APPEARANCES WITH THE PRESIDENT HE WAS GLUM AND

QUIET AND STAYED MOSTLY IN THE BACKGROUND. HE APPEARED  
TO BE STILL ANGRY FOLLOWING HIS NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY,  
WHEN HE SAID HE WOULD RESIGN UNLESS HE WAS CLEARED OF  
CHARGES THAT HE ACTED IMPROPERLY IN CONNECTION WITH  
NATIONAL SECURITY WIRETAPS.

5. GEN. ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR., THE WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF  
STAFF, AND MR. KISSINGER'S FORMER ASSOCIATE ON THE STAFF  
OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, WAS REPORTED TO FEEL  
THAT MR. KISSINGER CONDUCTED HIMSELF WELL IN THE NEWS  
CONFERENCE AND WOULD REGAIN ANY LOSS OF PRESTIGE WITHOUT  
HAVING TO RESIGN.

6. BUT IT WAS NOT AS CLEAR HOW PRESIDENT NIXON FELT ABOUT  
THE ABRUPT ULTIMATUM THAT MR. KISSINGER DELIVERED,  
APPARENTLY WITHOUT INFORMING OTHERS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL  
PARTY OF HIS INTENTION TO DO SO.

7. RONALD L. ZIEGLER, PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY, WAS  
ASKED IF MR. KISSINGER HAD ANY REGRETS ABOUT HIS STATE-  
MENT.

8. "I DON'T SPEAK FOR THE SECRETARY," HE SAID. "IT WAS  
A VERY PERSONAL STATEMENT ON HIS PART."

9. MR. KISSINGER MET WITH THE PRESIDENT ABOARD THE  
PLANE REGARDING TODAY'S VISIT TO EGYPT, BUT MR. ZIEGLER  
DID NOT SAY HOW MUCH TIME THEY SPENT TOGETHER OR WHETHER  
THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS DISCUSSED.

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